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GRANDPA GOSHIMA? I KNOW HIM, I KNOW HIM
EH! HE PASSED AWAY?
It must have been hard on you!
SO CUTE- SO CUTE-
YOU'RE LIKE A DOLL!
SFX TOUCH SX
YOU LIVE HERE?
IS IT ALL RIGHT? THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD TO YOU, DID THEY?
HEY, MIHIRO
ESPECIALLY THAT GLASSES PERVERT
YOU'RE MAKING HER UNCOMFORTABLE
What are you on about?
You're trying to act cool huh?
So this person is Mihiro-san...

MIHIRO IS MY— UM
SOMEONE I KNEW FROM THE PAST
WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS
BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?
WHERE ARE YOU LIVING?
I'M BACK
OPEN
AH!
MIHIRO! COMING TO MY HOUSE WHILE I WAS AWAY
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
OBVIOUSLY NOT TO SEE YOU, YOU GLASSES BASTARD!
THEN HURRY UP AND LEAVE!
FINE!

AKI
GIVE ME BACK THE ANTI-SPIRIT INCENSE
EH?
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DELIVERED ALREADY, RIGHT?
THE MAN I'M LIVING WITH RIGHT NOW SENT IT BEHIND MY BACK
YOU'RE LIVING WITH A MAN?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING,
BUT IT'S REALLY LOW OF HIM TO TOUCH SOMEONE ELSE'S BELONGINGS
AND SO I HAD A REALLY BIG FIGHT WITH HIM!
WAIT
A PLAIN WHITE-COLLAR WORKER
HE'S NOT ANYONE DANGEROUS
I'LL GO MEET HIM NEXT TIME
WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE?
IT'S OKAY, NO NEED TO COME OVER

WAIT A SECOND
HEY, MIHIRO
WHAT-EVER
SINCE IT WAS YOU WHO FORCED ME TO KEEP IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
The anti-spirit universe
I...
DON'T FOLLOW ME!
WAIT
I'M LEAVING
GOOD-BYE
SFX: TAKES OUT
プシュー!!
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GYAAAAA AAAAA!
PEPPER SPRAY?!

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YOU OKAY, AKI?
THAT WOMAN IS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE
SYAAAAA
DON'T WORRY
IT'S ONLY PERFUME
This smell
SPRAYING IT SO CLOSE IS ONLY GOING TO MAKE AKI'S NOSE SUFFER
CALM DOWN TAKE A LITTLE REST
MIHIRO
NO— MIHIRO I'M—

As I thought.
Mihiro-san really is Aki's ex-girlfriend.
Why do I feel so sad...
"You're living with a man?"
Until now
judging by the way he cares about her, he probably still likes her.
Lately,
I've been feeling strange.
CLENCH

SEX CHATTER
It's Aki-senpai
AH YOU'RE HERE EMIRU-CHAN
LET'S HAVE LUNCH
AKI
YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO COME EVERY DAY
I'M FINE BEING ALONE
— I SAID I WON'T LET YOU BE ALONE

DON'T SAY YOU'RE OKAY BEING ALONE IN FRONT OF ME
SO-
SORRY
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO EAT WITH ME
I WAS JUST FEELING A LITTLE DEPRESSED
JUST KIDDING
I'M NOT MAD

MM
SORRY
Just like a pervy uncle
They're so close
EH!
CAN WE?
AH
WANT TO JOIN US?
YEP, LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER

EH
YOU TWO AREN'T DATING?
WE SAW YOU TWO HOLDING HANDS, SO
RIGHT?
I DO HAVE SUCH INTENTIONS
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY FOR EMIRU-CHAN
WOMEN ARE SCARY...
But I'm happy
AKI... AKI?
AHAHA, JUST KIDDING
SHE'S BEEN LIVING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR A REALLY LONG TIME
SO SHE FINDS IT HARD TO WALK THROUGH CROWDS
Eh~ is that so?
AH
AKI-SENPAI

I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THE THING FROM LAST TIME...
REALLY?
AH, SORRY, I'LL BE BACK IN A MOMENT
What is it?
Ah!
Aki left...
And when everyone wanted to have lunch with Aki, too...
What do I do... everyone must be disappointed... I'm so scared I can't raise my head...!
I THINK WE MISUNDERSTOOD GOSHIMA-SAN
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BECAUSE YOU'RE REALLY CUTE
AND SEEMED TO BE DATING WITH SOMEONE LIKE AKI-SENPAI
IT WAS LIKE YOU SEEMED HARD TO GET CLOSE TO?
IT WAS LIKE HARD TO TALK WITH YOU
NO
THAT'S NOT...
I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE THAT
AM NOT GOOD AT TALKING...
UM
I...
BUT AFTER HEARING YOU TALK WITH AKI-SENPAI I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF INTERESTING
RIGHT?
IF IT'S POSSIBLE LET'S GET ALONG FROM NOW ON!
...
BUT

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WE ALL HAVE FAMILIES
EH?
OUR BOY-FRIENDS ARE OUR FIRST PRI-ORITY NO MATTER WHAT
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPOR-TANT...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO STICK WITH YOU GUYS ALL THE TIME
BUT BEING FRIENDS WITH ME
IS... THAT OKAY?
SURE
Why not?
GOSHIMA-SAN?
NO!
You don't want to..?
I-I'M REALLY HAPPY...
UM
Is that so..?
Then what about what Nana said ..

UM, HOW SHOULD WE CALL GOSHIMA-SAN?
WHAT TO CALL ME?
AN...
JUST CALL ME
AH, THE BELL RANG
Let's go back to class
GO-CHAN
EMIRU-CHAN
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She's by herself...?
SEEMS LIKE NOZAKI GOT DUMPED
It's Nana
DUMPED?
WASN'T SHE HANGING AROUND MIYAZAKI YESTERDAY?
MIYAZAKI PROBABLY FELT SCARED AFTER SEEING HOW NOZAKI DUMPED GOSHIMA RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER
SO SHE WENT TO THE PEOPLE FROM HER CLUB
turns
EH... IS THAT SO
THEN SHE CAN ONLY BE ALONE

Bye bye~
EH
WHERE DID I PUT MY CELL PHONE?
EMIRU-CHAN, GIVE ME A CALL
OKAY
EH- MAYBE IT'S IN THE CLASS-ROOM
...IT DIDN'T RING
SORRY, W..IT HERE A SECOND
EMIRU-CHAN
Ah.. it's Goshima-san. Why is she standing here?

Nana...

AW
EH?!
SFX RUNS OFF
MI-
MIHIRO-SAN...
SFX DASH
WOW, I'M CAUGHT
ACK, SO FAST!
SORRY, I'LL GIVE IT BACK
You run really fast

わたしの指定席
桜小路かのこ
ゆるくひくついた動かなかった指先が 何かしてないのにおかしいな～3巻でました
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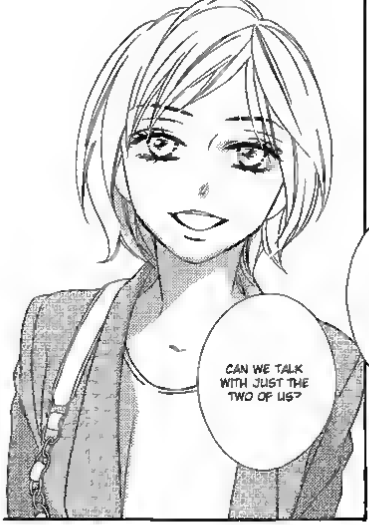

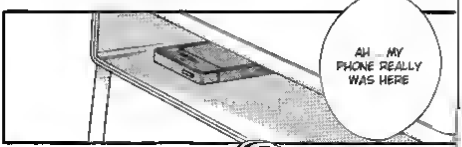

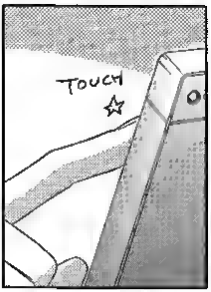

SENDER EMIRU-CHAN
RECIPIENT AKI
KIDNAPPED♡
I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF THIS KID!
HEY!!
WOW~!

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AHAHAHA
...
SFX RUSTLE SX
HA- SORRY, SORRY
IS TEA OKAY?
TH-THANK YOU
UM
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT...
BECAUSE THERE'S A GIRL I'VE NEVER MET AROUND AKI
SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF GIRL SHE WAS
IT SEEMS THAT AKI CARES ABOUT YOU A LOT, TOO
AH... NOTHING

MIHIRO-SAN, YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
BUT DO YOU STILL LIKE AKI...?
YOU SEEM TO BE MISTAKEN
AKI AND I AREN'T EX-GIRLFRIEND AND EX-BOYFRIEND
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP
What am I saying?
EH
HUH?

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HE DIDN'T TELL YOU?
AH...
MY TONGUE SLIPPED
HM...
AKI AND I
WERE TAKEN IN BY THE SAME ORPHANAGE

OUR PARENTS ABANDONED US WHEN WE WERE YOUNG
BUT BECAUSE AKI WAS ADOPTED BY THE NITOU FAMILY WHEN HE WAS AROUND 7,
WE WEREN'T TOGETHER FOR LONG
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The reason why Aki and Haru look different
is because of this
AFTER THAT, AKI STILL CONTACTED ME
AT FIRST I THOUGHT MAYBE HE WANTED TO SHOW OFF
BUT THEN I SLOWLY REALIZED IT WASN'T LIKE THAT...
Depressed...
I WASN'T ADOPTED IN THE END
because we share the same experience...
Aki treats me well

I LEFT THE ORPHANAGE WHEN I REACHED 15
HE CAME TO VISIT ME OFTEN
HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME BUT STILL ACTS AS IF HE'S MY GUARDIAN
I THOUGHT THIS SHOULD BE THE END OF IT
AND SO I BROKE OFF CONNECTIONS WITH HIM
...TH-
THAT GUY BRINGS BACK HOMELESS KITTENS, RIGHT?
HE'S ESPECIALLY KIND TOWARDS HIS OWN KIND
BUT IN MY OPINION, HE'S TOO KIND...
THAT'S BECAUSE
AKI LIKES MIHIRO-SAN.

IF THAT'S TRUE,
THEN THAT'S TOO MUCH TO HANDLE
SORRY FOR TELLING YOU ALL THESE WEIRD THINGS
GOOD-BYE
FOR OTHER DETAILS YOU CAN GO ASK HIM YOUR-SELF

Aki's kind towards everyone.

If I had to find the difference,

even I don't know the reason.

"Then that's too much to handle."

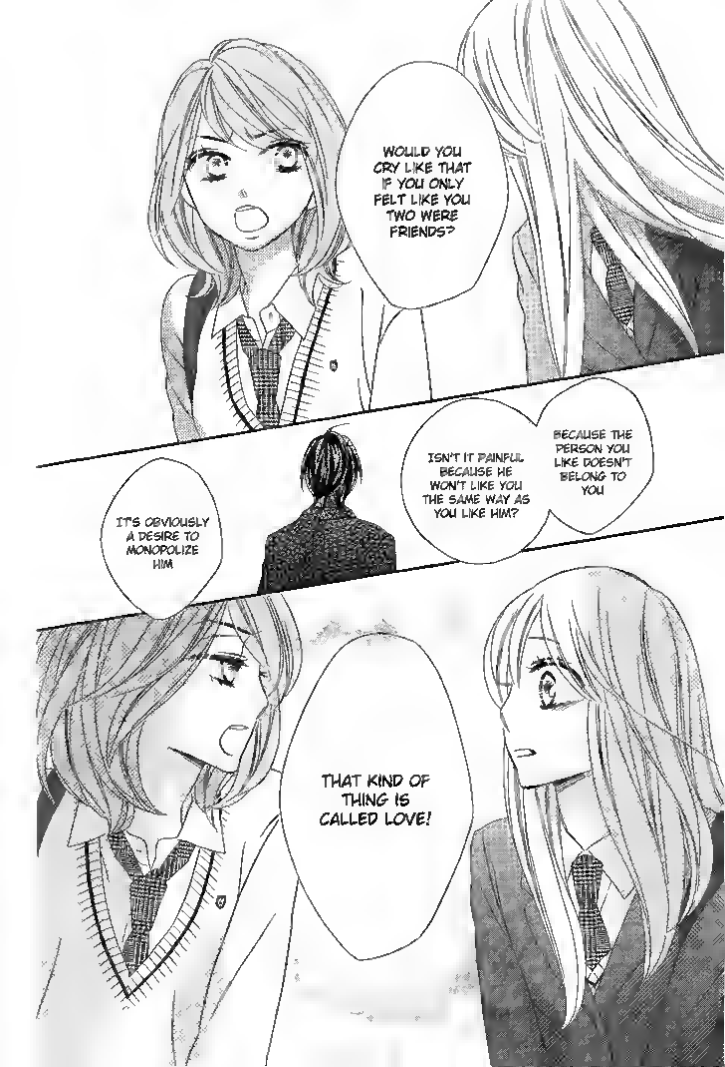
It's already like this now.

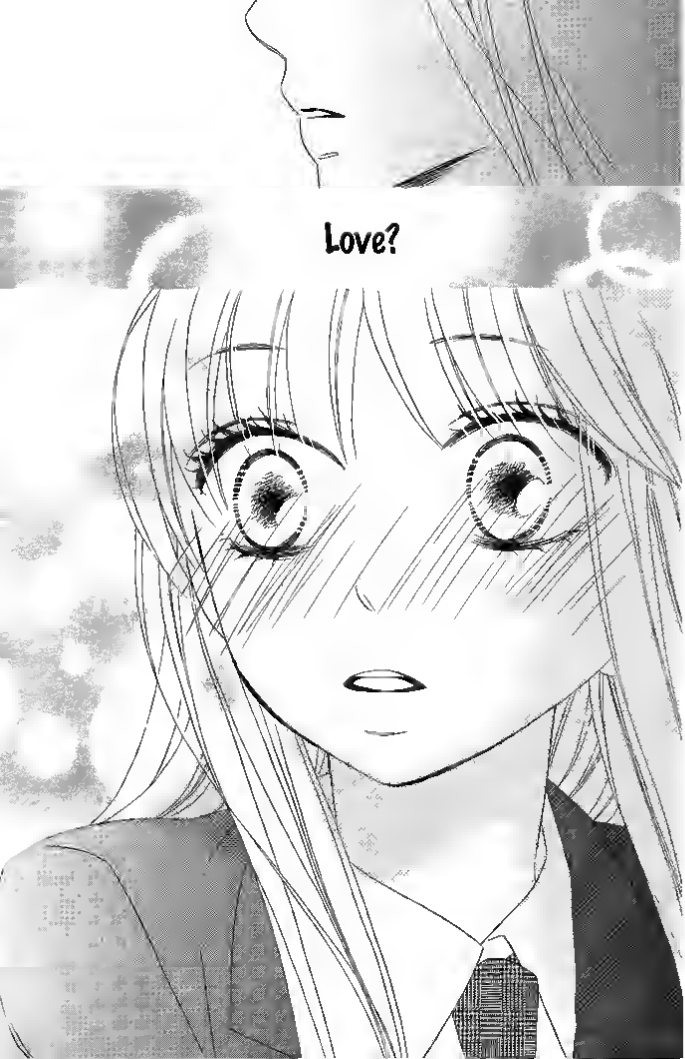
Aki
likes Mihiro-san to the point where it's hard to handle.
AH—
—WHAT

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...
AH— I DON'T GET YOU
Shocked
I DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS WITH YOU ANYMORE—
WAIT
NANA—
Cries
Cries
Cries
AKI
AKI, HE—

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IF YOU KEEP ON CRYING!
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN NOW?
MM.
SORRY, NANA
NOW TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED
I'LL LISTEN TO YOU
BECAUSE IT INVOLVES SOMEONE ELSE'S PERSONAL MATTERS...
It's a little...
IS THAT SO!
What's with this reason?!
WELL, WHATEVER
IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING BORING LIKE IT'S NOT GOING WELL BETWEEN YOU AND AKI-SENPAI
Even if it's going well that's boring too

?
AKI AND I AREN'T DATING
BUT YOU LIKE HIM, RIGHT?
EH ... I
OF COURSE I LIKE AKI, BUT
IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF LOVE...
STOP PRETEN-DING!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T NOTICED YOUR OWN FEELINGS?
GEEZ... WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU
I'M SAYING!


WOULD YOU CRY LIKE THAT IF YOU ONLY FELT LIKE YOU TWO WERE FRIENDS?
BECAUSE THE PERSON YOU LIKE DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU
ISN'T IT PAINFUL BECAUSE HE WON'T LIKE YOU THE SAME WAY AS YOU LIKE HIM?
IT'S OBVIOUSLY A DESIRE TO MONOPOLIZE HIM
THAT KIND OF THING IS CALLED LOVE!


Love?

EH...!

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MIHIRO SHE YOU CRIED?
NOZAKI'S HERE TOO?
A-,,, AKI
AH, THERE YOU ARE!
EMIRU-CHAN
NOZAKI, YOU...
YOU ARE THE ONE THAT MADE HER CRY!
That's what I want to say but I have to hold it in...
OH WELL, LET'S GO BACK EMIRU-CHAN
Since it ends here.
AH, OKAY
THANK YOU, NANA
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!

...HUH?
Even holding hands seems embarrassing...
Maybe
although I know it'll be hard
it's the first time I'm having such feelings
I don't know how to suppress them.

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TO BE CONTINUED

EMIRU-CHAN'S FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH LOVE SINCE SHE WAS BORN